

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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Arthur L. Tait Bureau of Land Management Beaver River Resource Area 176 East DL Sargent Drive Cedar City, Utah 84720

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, RMS 1 Project, S/021/024, Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Tait:

Thank you for forwarding your acceptance letter and Kent Smith's Notice of Intention for the RMS 1 Project, located in Sections 1 and 12, T32S, R16W, Iron County, Utah. Your agency's designated number for this project is UTU-74031.

This letter is to inform you that the Division has evaluated the above mentioned small mining notice for completeness. The Notice meets the minimum requirements of Rule R647-3 of the Division's Minerals Rules (revised 1988), and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. No additional information is required at this time.

We have enclosed a summarized copy of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Rules, Rule 647-3-107, 108 & 109 - "Operation and Reclamation Practices," (form SMO1-2). An operator with an accepted small mining notice is required to conduct his mining activities and reclaim the disturbed areas according to the performance standards of these rules. If premining conditions will not allow an operator to achieve these standards, then the operator must request a variance in writing from this office. The variance request must identify the specific rule(s) and performance standard that cannot be met. An explanation of the specific onsite conditions that would justify our acceptance of the variance request must also be included. Variance requests are field inspected by the Division and formally approved in writing as part of our initial completeness determination of the notice. We will provide Mr. Smith with a copy of our rules along with a copy of this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you receive further information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we can update our files. Please <u>reference our designated file number S/021/024</u> when forwarding additional information on this project to us.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure: SMO1-2

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Kent Smith, Operator w/rules

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